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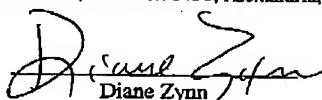
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 7, 2005, Applicants elect for prosecution the claims of Group II, claims 13-15 and 18-21, drawn to a dry etching apparatus, classified in class 156, subclass 345.30, without traverse.

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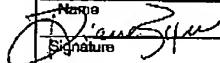
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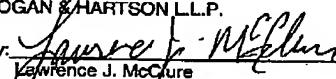
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